



MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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**MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING BOARD
of the
MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

March 1, 2006

I. Call to Order.

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Acting Chairperson George Lange, at 3:09 p.m. on March 1, 2006 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, and George Lange, Vice Chair. The following member was absent: Michael Berger, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Rorie Skei, Deputy Executive Officer; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Paul Edelman, Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Amy Lethbridge, Chief of Interpretation; Dan Tholund, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance; Jeff Maloney, Staff Counsel, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes.

No minutes were submitted for approval.

IV. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

No public comment was made.

V. Reports from Staff:

- (a) Legal;
- (b) Ranger Services;
- (c) Natural Resources and Planning;
- (d) Interpretation;
- (e) Developed Resources;

- (f) **Construction;**
- (g) **Facilities and Maintenance;**
- (h) **Finance.**

The Authority received verbal reports from the Deputy Executive Officer, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations, Staff Counsel, Chief of Interpretation, Chief of Facilities and Maintenance, and Sheryl Lewanda, Acting Chief of Finance.

Questions were propounded by Messrs. Lange and Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations.

- VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acceptance of the following offer to dedicate public access easements: Goodstein & Watson / P5-84-274, located in the Serra Retreat area, Malibu.**

This item was postponed to a later date.

- VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the Executive Officer or his Designee to execute all Master Agreements, Program Supplemental Agreements, Fund Exchange Agreements, Fund Transfer Agreements, Cooperative Agreements, and any amendments thereto, with the California Department of Transportation for transportation funds and grants.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-36 was unanimously adopted.

- VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 230-acre open space dedication in lower Violin Canyon west of Interstate 5 and acceptance of a maintenance endowment, unincorporated Castaic area.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-37 was unanimously adopted.

- IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing the exchange of a floodwater and debris inundation easement in exchange for a conservation easement on 3423 N. Standish Drive and acceptance of a brushing-maintenance endowment and security payment, adjacent to the northern portion of Westridge - Canyonback Park, Encino.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Deputy Executive Officer.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-38 was unanimously adopted.

- X. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Project Agreement with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to use Proposition A Excess Funds to acquire properties in Chapter 8 Agreements 2357, 2367, 2468, 2467, 2496, 2498 and 2481, unincorporated areas of the Santa Monica Mountains.**

The staff report for this item was presented by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-39 was unanimously adopted.

- XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the acquisition of properties in Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement No. 2480 using funds from Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation Assessment District Nos. 1 and 2, City of Los Angeles.**

Comments were made by Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Lange.

Comments were made by the Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 06-40 was unanimously adopted.

- X. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.**

No comments were made.

XI. Closed Session.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions. Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: 1. *Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

No closed session was held.

XII. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 5, 2006.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Michael Berger
Chair